

DNREC Natural Resources Police Park Rangers charge Seaford angler with landing a prohibited shark species

DOVER – Following a tip made from within Delaware Seashore State Park, DNREC's Natural Resources Police Park Rangers charged a Seaford man with landing a prohibited shark species, in connection with taking a sandbar shark out of the water while fishing June 11 at 3Rs beach within the park.

Jay Katz, 65, was cited by Park Rangers for one count of catching and removing from the water a prohibited shark species. Katz was released, with his surf fishing permit suspended, pending an appearance in the Court of Common Pleas in Georgetown at a later date.

Certain shark species found in Delaware waters, including sandbar sharks, are prohibited species. They must be released as quickly as possible if caught, and must not be removed from the water when releasing them. Many different species of sharks can be found in both the Delaware Bay and Atlantic Ocean. In addition to dogfish sharks and popular sport fishing species such as the mako and thresher, anglers may encounter several prohibited species, including sandbar and sand tiger sharks.

Anglers are prohibited from keeping sand tiger sharks, as well as sandbar sharks. Hook-and-line anglers cannot remove from the water any sandbar or sand tiger shark, or any other prohibited species of shark, all of which must be immediately released in a manner that will ensure maximum probability of survival.

A complete listing of shark regulations is available at

[Delaware Code – shark regulations](#). For more information on identifying shark species, visit [Delaware's Most Commonly Misidentified Sharks](#) on DNREC's website. Additional information about sandbar sharks can also found on the [DNREC website](#).

Citizens are encouraged to report surf fishing violations to DNREC Natural Resources Police Park Rangers by calling 302-739-4580 or by downloading the "DENRP Tip 411" app on a smartphone, which enables citizens to send anonymous tips to authorities.

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